11. Prosecution in C.I.A. Plots

Q. Mr. President, the Senate Intelligence committee has documented widespread efforts by the F.B.I. to discredit Dr. Martin Luther King before he was assassinated, as you know, and I just wonder, do you think the Federal Government and you as President have any responsibility now to see that those who were responsible for that are either purged from Government service, if they still are in Government service, or prosecuted if the statute of limitations has not run out on them.

A. I certainly condemn those actions which were taken regarding Martin Luther King. I think it abhorent to all Americans, including myself. Whether or not we can identify the individuals, if they are still alive, is difficult, but I certainly will consult with the Attorney General regarding that matter.

Q. Do you think an effort should be made, though, to identify those people?

A. I think so. NYTIMES 11-27-75